GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration & Stamps Department – Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District (now Retired) - Trapped on 16-09-2010 - Allegation of non submission of Annual Property Returns – Disciplinary action initiated – Regular enquiry conducted – Report submitted – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.642 Dated:17-06-2016

Read the following:

1) Radio Message from the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada Range in Cr.No.18/RCT-ACB-VJA/2010, dt:16-9-2010 & 17-9-2010.
2) DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.159/RCT-VGT/2010-S.9, dt:18-5-2011.
3) DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.159/RCT-VGT/2010-S.17, dt:19-12-2012.
4) G.O.Rt.No.698,Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:24-5-2013.
5) WSD of Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former SR (Retd) through the DIG, R&S, Guntur vide Lr.No.A1/309/2010, dt:27-3-2014.
6) G.O.Rt.No.599, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt:26-6-2015.
7) D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/13792/2010, dt:18-3-2016.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that a trap was laid by the Anti Corruption Bureau officials on 16-9-2010 against Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District (now Retired) and another person Sri V.Gandhi Babu, Office Subordinate (Attender), Office of Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District when he demanded and accepted Rs.3,000/- as bribe from Sri Kankipati Vara Prasada Rao, Proprietor, Tulasi Embroidery works, R/o Amaravathi (V&M), Guntur District for registering a Will of Complainants mother and handedover the bribe amount to Sri V.Gandhi Babu, Office Subordinate (Attender) for safe custody.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau while furnishing the final report have made the following recommendations in respect of Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District (now Retired) among another.

a) To Prosecute the Accused Officer in a court of law for the offences punishable under sections 7, 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

b) To initiate departmental action under Rule 9 (7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau have informed that Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi was retired from service on 31-7-2011 on attaining the age of superannuation and therefore, the Bureau filed charge sheet before the court of the Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases at Vijayawada on 27-8-2011 vide CC.No.2/12. Therefore, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau have requested the Government to issue orders for initiating departmental action against the Accused Officer for violation of conduct Rules, 1964.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter have initiated disciplinary proceedings against the Accused Officer Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) duly framing the following charge in the reference 4th read above.

Charge: That Sri Danda Venkata Appa Rao, S/o Veera Raghavaiah, joined in Government service on 1-9-1975 as Monthly section writer and

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subsequently he got promotion on 8-4-1994 as Jr.Asst., as Senior Assistant on 4-12-2004 and as Sub Registrar on 16-7-2010. While functioning as aforesaid capacity between 16-7-2010 and 16-9-2010 (date of trap), he failed to submit his APRs to the competent authority during his entire service, except for the years 1991, 1992, 1994 to 1996 and 2007 to 2008 and failed to maintain absolute integrity and violated APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

5. After receipt of Written Statement of Defense in the reference 5th read above, Government have appointed Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur as Inquiring Authority in the reference 6th read above.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority submitted the report mainly stating among others that on the basis of documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before him and in view of the reasons given therein, he held that the charged Officer Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar (Retired) is not responsible for the charge framed against him as it is substantiated during the enquiry that he filed Annual Property Returns every year regularly but some were not recorded in the service book. The Inquiring Authority has therefore, stated that the charge is perfunctory and finally hold that the charge is held not proved.

7. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has forwarded the Inquiring Authority report to Government for taking necessary action in the matter under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District was retired from service on 31-7-2011 on attaining the age of superannuation.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have accepted the findings of Regular Enquiry Officer i.e., the charge of non submission of Annual Property Returns to the competent authority were not held proved. Therefore, it has been decided to drop further action against Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District (now Retired).

9. Accordingly, it is hereby order to drop further action against Sri D.Venkata Appa Rao, former Sub Registrar, Amaravathi, Guntur District (now Retired) in respect of the charge of non submission of Annual Property Returns which is not held proved by the Inquiring Authority without prejudice to the criminal case pending in the trial court.

10. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Individual (through the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad with a request to serve the order on the Charged Officer and furnish the served copy to Government for record).
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER